

FISCAL NOTE

HJR 532

March 20, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Proposes to amend Article VI, Section 14 of the Tennessee Constitution to authorize the Tennessee General Assembly to define and regulate civil penalties and set the maximum amounts thereof, and states that any such civil penalty shall not be considered a fine. If no applicable statute is hereafter enacted, the maximum civil penalty that may be assessed without a jury is \$50.

This resolution, if passed, would be referred to the 102nd General Assembly where it would need two-thirds vote in each house to force an election by the voters of the state. This resolution shall be published by the Secretary of State in accordance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$20,000 One-Time

Assumes a cost of \$20,000 to the Secretary of State to print a notice of the proposed amendment in certain newspapers as required by this resolution.

For information purposes, the following should be noted: To the extent civil penalties are established at amounts greater or lesser than the current level, a significant change in revenues may occur.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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